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THREE SALT MACKEREL FARES

Two Pollockers and One Georgesman at This Port.

Fish receipts are light here today and the upward tendency of the salt mackerel market is the only feature of interest. The salt mackerel market is very firm and the signs of price advance are unmistakable.

Schs. Benjamin A. Smith and Victor are here from Boston with their salt mackerel and sch. Tartar from the Cape Shore with 200 barrels of salt mackerel.

Two small lots of pollock came in during the night. The pollock season on the Rips is about over and sch. Thomas J. Carroll came in yesterday afternoon to give it up and shift over.

Sch. Pythian is in from a salt Georges drift codfishing trip with a nice fare, 40,000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Rips, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Victor, Cape Shore, via Boston, 160 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Cape Shore, via Boston, 280 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Tartar, Cape Shore, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Marchant, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arcadia, seining.

Sch. Lucania, seining.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

Sch. Onato, salt and fresh shacking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Indiana, seining.

Sch. Patriot, Rips.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.30 per cwt. for large, \$3.10 for mediums.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large handline Georges cod, \$3.62 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.12 1-2.

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.30 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.

Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Outside sales of drift salt cod, \$3.30 for large, \$2.90 for mediums.

Outside sales salt bank cod, \$2.87½ per cwt. for large, and \$2.62½ for medium.

Fresh mackerel, 12 1-2 cents each.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$10.25 per bbl.

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CAUGHT A STURGEON.

Capt. Short of the Joppaite of Newburyport Makes Good Haul.

Capt. George W. Short of the fishing boat Joppaite went into Newburyport Monday morning with a female sturgeon weighing 300 pounds which was caught off the bar in his net. The female sturgeon contains caviar used by the Russians which is considered a great dish and is worth \$1 a pound. There were about 70 pounds in the fish and the whole fish was shipped immediately to New York. Capt. Short will net about \$100 for it. It was a great catch and after the hard luck the captain has had his friends are much pleased over his catch.

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NO FAVORABLE MACKEREL NEWS.

Cape Shore Arrivals Report Balance of Fleet Have Small Fares.

Sch. Grampus Will Assist Southern Fleet in Hunting Fish.

Mackerel news of an encouraging nature is a very scarce article today. Nothing has been heard from the southward for several days, while the incoming crafts from the Cape Shore are bringing just fair and poor trips and report the remainder of the fleet to come, poorly fished as a whole.

The crafts here this morning from the Cape Shore are schs. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benjamin McGray, with 250 barrels of salt mackerel, and 5000 fresh mackerel, sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, with 150 barrels salt mackerel and 3000 fresh mackerel, and sch. Muriel with only 39 barrels.

It is generally believed that the catch of salt Cape Shore mackerel this season will not go over 10,000 barrels, if it indeed reaches that figure. Last season, the fleet landed 14,000 barrels.

There is now quite a fleet to the southward and the sailings of yesterday and today will increase it materially. Beyond the reports of small wild schools off Block Island, nothing has been heard from the southward for some time. With good weather, however, if there is any body of fish out there, we should soon begin to hear of good hauls made and landed at Newport or Boston.

The fresh mackerel of schs. Arthur James and Marguerite Haskins sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company. The price will probably be about 17 cents per fish.

Sch. Esperanto was at Ingonish, C. B., yesterday, with a good catch of salt mackerel on board. Capt. Maguire was hanging on and hoping to get a school to finish up and run fresh.

Sch. Judique was at Canso, N. S., on Saturday.

Netters at Newport.

The following netters are at Newport today:

Sch. Dixie, 1000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite S. McKenzie, 1100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gardner Heath, 100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Nautilus, 400 fresh mackerel.

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THE CAPE COD CANAL.

Will Improve Facilities for Shipping
Fresh Fish to New York.

To the Editor of the Times:—The much talked-about Cape Cod ship canal became an assured fact on Tuesday, when the spade was used to lift the first dirt in this final effort to make the canal. With a sufficient financial backing, there can be little doubt of the success of the project, especially as August Belmont, who, like myself, is a descendant of the illustrious Perry family, who owned a portion of the land through which the canal will pass, has more than a financial incentive to see that the project is successful.

Ever since I knew of the layout for the canal, it has seemed to me that the canal might be of great benefit to Gloucester; it will be remembered that on the attempt to bring the fresh fish business to Gloucester, the great difficulty has been one of transportation.

While it is true that the attempt was a failure, it might be renewed under more favorable conditions. A steamer going through this canal would have little to prevent daily trips, and fresh fish could be landed in New York every morning in time for the markets, a distance of about 280 miles or 50 miles less than now and smooth water would make the expense less.

The canal will be finished in three years, and a careful consideration of this subject by our local fishing interests would perhaps result in steamboat connection with the New York markets. With a large share of the fresh fish business, Gloucester would enter again upon a period of prosperity greater than ever before; it is certainly feasible, and the subject of direct communication with New York should be thoroughly considered.

CHARLES H. MORROW.

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WILL RETURN OUT SOUTH.

Sch. Grampus Will Go to Gulf of St. Lawrence Later.

The fish commission sch. Grampus, which has been having an overhauling and fixing up here for the past 10 days, will soon fit out again, and Capt. Jerry E. Cook will continue his mackerel investigation work on her. The craft will sail the last of this week or the first of next.

Capt. Cook has decided not to go to the Gulf of St. Lawrence at present, but to put in some more time on this shore, and to the southward, with the main body of the fleet, making frequent runs off the beaten track, and try to locate schools of mackerel in localities where the fleet do not go, as well as on the grounds with which they are familiar.

Previous to coming home this time, Capt. Cook was convinced that the Grampus could be of more service to the fleet in this locality and to the southward, by staying with them for a while longer, than by starting off immediately for the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and it was pleasing for him to learn that the majority of the vessel

owners and skippers concurred with him in this view of the situation.

Accordingly, the Grampus will stay in these waters until the end of July, and then will probably take up the gulf of St. Lawrence and Labrador and Newfoundland coasts trip.

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THREE CAPE SHORE SEINERS.

Only Arrivals at This Port Since Yesterday Noon.

There are three of the Cape Shore seining fleet here this morning, and they comprise the sum total of all the arrivals at this port since yesterday noon. The captains report that the vessels to come are with but few exceptions, poorly fished.

Things about the harbor have a dull look this morning, and outside of a number of vessels sailing for the fishing grounds and the two seiners taking out at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company's wharf, there is little sign of hustle or hurry.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Arthur James, Cape Shore, 150 bbls. salt mackerel, 3000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Muriel, Cape Shore, 39 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Cape Shore, 250 bbls. salt mackerel, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Oriole, seining.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Rips.

Sch. Mina Swim, Rips.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, haddocking.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, seining.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining.

Sch. Moanham, seining.

Sch. Corona, shacking.

Sch. Atalanta, halibuting.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, seining.

Sch. Ingomar, seining.

Sch. Mary Emerson, swordfishing.

Sch. Norman Fisher, Rips.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, Rips.

Sch. Monarch, seining.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, Boston.

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Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.40 per cwt. for large; \$3.10 for mediums.

Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.

Bank halibut, 9c per pound for white and 7c per pound for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

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Trawl bank cod, large \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50; snappers, \$1.50. Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1. Round pollock, 50c per cwt. Fresh mackerel, 17 cents each. Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$10.25 per bbl.

La Have, N. S., Fish Notes.

The Riverport sch. Revenue, is home with a fare of 950 qtls.

The following La Have vessels are home from the Banks: Mariner, 525 qtls.; Ethel, 325; Parsons, 725; Russel Pentz, 725; Moran, 450.

The Mahone Bay fishing vessel Minnie M. Mosher has cleared for a summer trip.

Sch. Ellen L. Maxner has sailed for a summer trip to the fishing grounds.

Raised Price of Salt Rips Cod.

The fare of salt Rips cod of sch. Pythian sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company yesterday at \$3.40 per hundred weight for large and \$3.10 for medium. The vessel belongs to the concern and the advance of 10 cents per hundred weight on the large fish was a voluntary one by the firm.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham was at Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday.

Sch. Margaret was at Canso, N. S., on Saturday.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fishing Notes.

June 19—Arrived, sch. Ymaska, 550 quintals, J. W. Mills, 650 quintals. Sailed, sch. Mamie Dell.

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Whitehead—Herring fair. Cheticamp—Lobsters fair; cod, haddock and salmon scarce. Port Hood—Lobsters fair; cod, haddock and herring scarce. Hawkesbury—Cod and lobsters fair. Grand Manan, Bulk Head—Cod fair. Grand Manan, in North Channel—Hake fair. Bonaventure—Cod and lobsters fair. Anticosti Island, Fox Bay—Lobsters very plenty.

News From Quero Bank Fleet.

Capt. Newman Wharton of sch. Arkona reports speaking the dory handliner Lottie G. Merchant of this port, commanded by his brother Lewis, on Quero bank a short time ago. The vessel had 110,000 pounds of salt cod and Capt. Wharton reported that sch. J. J. Flaherty had 200,000 and sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham, 200,000 pounds. He had heard of some of the fleet with about 100,000 pounds, while others had done very little. The catches of the Flaherty and Elliott were the largest heard of in the whole fleet and none others had done anywhere near as well. Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Angus Hines, he reported with 110,000 pounds.

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work of these steam trawlers has been lodged at Washington, and it is thought here that when the matter comes to a head, the United States will be found firmly on the side of England and Canada and Newfoundland, for the prohibition of steam trawling on the North Atlantic banks.

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PRICE OF SALT MACKEREL RISING.

Fare of Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley Sold at \$10.50 Per Barrel.

Both Cape Shore and Southern Fleets Doing Little.

The Cape Shore seiners still come along slowly and the fleet out to the southward is doing little or nothing. The price on fresh mackerel, what few are being landed, is good, and a slight advance comes with about every succeeding sale of salt Cape Shores.

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WILL DISCUSS STEAM TRAWLERS.

At Coming Colonial Conference to be Held in London.

Step Towards Their Prohibition by International Agreement.

Hon. Mr. Downing, one of the members of the Newfoundland legislature, from the West coast, who was appointed minister of marine by Premier Morris, was in this city Tuesday afternoon on a flying visit, preparatory to sailing for England. He paid a call on Benjamin A. Smith and was entertained by that gentleman at supper.

While the gentleman's visit here was mostly of a social nature, yet he embraced the opportunity of learning considerable of Gloucester's great industry and her connections and relations with the Island colony.

With Mr. Smith he discussed several phases of the steam trawler problem on the North Atlantic banks, and learned much about the damage done by these crafts to American fishing vessels and their fishing gear.

Mr. Downing is on his way to England to take part in the colonial conference, shortly to be held. Premier Morris is also to attend, sailing from St. John's yesterday. Mr. Downing will go from New York or Boston.

He stated to Mr. Smith that the matter of these steam trawlers and their work of destruction to the fish on the banks and fishing gear of sailing fishing vessels was to be brought up at the conference, and in this he confirms the statement of Hon. Mr. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries of Canada, who is also to attend the conference.

While it is yet too early to speculate on what will be the outcome of the conference on this point, yet it is plainly evident that England's two great colonies on this side of the Atlantic

Are Alive to the Seriousness of the Situation

and realize what a menace these steam trawlers are to the fishing ground, aside from the damage they so ruthlessly do to the fishing gear of sail fishing craft.

Certain it is that both the Canadian and Newfoundland representatives will make the matter one of the most serious to be discussed by the conference, and this is ground for the belief that the Imperial government will be obliged to take notice, and thus progress will be made toward doing away with steam trawlers on the North Atlantic fishing grounds, by international agreement.

It is known here that the United States government is quietly looking into the matter, and has a record of the damages inflicted on American trawlers and handliners the past and present season. Protests against the

Thus far this season 35 of the Cape Shore fleet have come home, with 7164 barrels of salt mackerel and about 9000 barrels of fresh mackerel. Last year at this time, 46 of the Cape Shore fleet had arrived home, with 10,716 barrels of salt mackerel and 6930 barrels of fresh mackerel, leaving 17 more of the fleet to arrive. This season 26 of the Cape Shore fleet are yet to come.

This season, while the fresh fish from the Cape Shore have not exceeded the fresh landings from there of last season in count, the fish run much larger, taking less to make an iced barrel, consequently the fresh Cape Shore catch, figured by barrels, is much larger than last year, although in count of fish there is very little difference.

Two of the Cape Shore mackerel fleet put in at Portland yesterday to land their fresh mackerel. Sch. Harmony, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, had 9000 fresh in count and 85 barrels of salt mackerel and sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham, had 6000 fresh in count and 270 barrels of salt mackerel. Both crafts will bring their salt fish home.

The mackerel netters returning from out south give the credit of high line of the fleet to sloop Maxwell, Capt. David Gillis of this port, with a crew share of better than \$300.

Sch. Emily Cooney, Capt. Patrick Murphy, was reported at Newport yesterday with 9000 fresh mackerel, caught 30 miles south southwest of Block Island.

Advices received here from Norway, by letter, report a very large catch of mackerel at several points along the coast.

Sch. Olga was at Liverpool, N. S., Monday with 105 barrels of salt mackerel on board.

Sch. Speculator passed south by Port Mulgrave, N. S., Monday, having come all the way around Cape Breton and found no fish.

Schs. Patrician, Annie Greenlaw, Mildred V. Nunan, Rex and Georgianna were at Canso, N. S., Monday.

The fare of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at \$10.50 per barrel, barrel for barrel. Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, stocked \$5160 on her recent Cape Shore trip, the crew sharing \$94.40.

Fresh mackerel here and at Portland, yesterday, brought 14 cents each.

The Times' Mulgrave, N. S., correspondent reports no mackerel at the Magdalen islands.

Advices received here recently report a lot of mackerel around Prince Edward Island.

Seiners at This Port from Cape Shore.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 167 bbls. salt mackerel.

Seiners at Portland from Cape Shore.

Sch. George Parker, 270 bbls. salt mackerel, 6000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Harmony, 85 bbls. salt mackerel, 9000 fresh mackerel.

Netters at Newport.

The following netters were at Newport yesterday:

Sch. Alice, 900 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Crustacean, 500 fresh mackerel.

Netters at New Bedford.

Sch. Rita, 18 bbls. fresh mackerel.

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THIRTEEN CRAFTS AT BOSTON.

Two Have Good-sized Trips of Swordfish.

T wharf has 13 fishing arrivals this morning and two of the crafts have swordfish, which just at present top everything else in the fish line in the market. Prices of ground fish are good and several of the vessels have good catches.

Sch. Nokomis, Capt. Edward Stanley, has 73 swordfish and sch. Valentinna, Capt. Charles O'Neil, has 23. These fish sold at the splendid price of 16½ cents per pound, which means a fine stock for each craft. Sch. Rose Standish yesterday got 18 cents per pound and stocked over \$1200, so that each man of the crew will share in the neighborhood of \$80.

Of the ground fish trips, sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, has the largest, 50,000 pounds all haddock and cod and is in for another stock of \$1000 or more. Capt. Cooney is fishing in South Channel and this is the fourth fine fare he has made in quick succession. The vessel was out less than a week, leaving Nahant, with her bait, last Friday.

Sch. Washakie has 24,000 pounds, sch. Benjamin F. Phillips 31,000 pounds and steam trawler Spray 32,000 pounds.

The arrivals in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Klondike, 2500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Valentinna, 23 swordfish.

Sch. Washakie, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 18,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Buema, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 11,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.

Steamer Spray, 27,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Matchless, 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 37 swordfish.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$4.50 to \$5; pollock, \$3; hake, \$2.50; swordfish, 16 1-2 cts. per lb.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

June 21—Yarmouth—Too rough for pursuing traps; dogfish struck inshore. Sand Point—Cod fair.

Liverpool—Cod, haddock and halibut fair; herring and salmon scarce; American fishing vessel Oliver P. Kilham in port.